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The Honorable William H. Webster
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Judge Webster:

Enclosed are copies of my testimony of March 3 to the Subcommittee on Procurement of Military Nuclear Systems of the House Armed Services Committee and later testimony of March 18 to the Subcommittee on Defense Industry and Technology of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

The statements review the current capability of the Department of Energy's weapons laboratories to enhance the technology base available to the nuclear weapons program and to the Department of Defense. I also presented information on relevant ongoing research to develop technologies for future applications.

At Los Alamos, the Laboratory's own technology base, the intelligence work in our International Technology Division and my participation in your Nuclear Intelligence Panel have allowed us to formulate an integrated approach to applying cutting edge technologies to intelligence problems, both nuclear and nonnuclear.

We also have maintained a very cordial and continuing dialogue on developments in science and technology with Dr. Julian Nall through interactive visits in both Washington and Los Alamos.

I would welcome the opportunity to host a visit by you to further familiarize you with the ongoing work at Los Alamos in defense-related programs, intelligence, verification, and basic research that enhances the posture of the nation's security programs.

Sincerely,

S. S. Hecker
Director

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